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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
7 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

8 ZAKEE SHAKIR,

9 Plaintiff,

10 v.

11 RICHARD ADAMS, *et al.*,

12 Defendants.

Case No. C18-1333 RSL-MLP

ORDER DENYING PLAINTIFF'S
MOTION TO RESPOND TO
DEFENDANTS' ANSWER

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14 Plaintiff Zakee Shakir, who is proceeding *pro se* and *in forma pauperis*, filed an amended
15 civil rights complaint pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. (Dkt. # 24.) On March 4, 2019, Defendants
16 filed an answer. (*Id.* at 29.) On March 18, 2019, Plaintiff filed a motion to respond to
17 Defendants' answer. (*Id.* at 36.) After careful consideration of Plaintiff's motion, the amended
18 complaint, Defendants' answer, the governing law, and the balance of the record, the Court
19 DENIES Plaintiff's motion.

20 A response to an answer to a civil complaint is not a proper pleading and is only
21 permitted when specifically ordered by the Court. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 7(a)(7). The Court sees no
22 need for a response to be filed by Plaintiff and, thus, denies Plaintiff's motion. Plaintiff will
23 have an opportunity to litigate the substance of his claims later in this action.

1 The Clerk is directed to send copies of this order to the parties and to the Honorable
2 Robert S. Lasnik.

3 Dated this 20th day of March, 2019.

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6 MICHELLE L. PETERSON
7 United States Magistrate Judge
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